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The following information on the motor transport company
("Transportna ceta") in KNIN (Y 23/U 79) to
the beginning of June 1949:

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1. Superior Headquarters:

Rifle division in KNIN. The division headquarters was
located in a building of several stories next to the
hotel in the town center. It also housed an officers'
club and the military "UDBa" (Secret Police) office,
staffed with five officers.

2. Unit Cover-Number: 2736/503. Location: Near the KNIN railroad viaduct4. Company Commander: 1st Lt KATIC, a Dalmatian5. Personnel:

Strength of the company: 120 men of the 1920 through
the 1928 classes. Reservists of older classes were
also serving with the unit. The company personnel came
from all parts of the country.

6. Armament:

German carbines of type "98 K", no machine guns.
German and Soviet gas masks.

7. Motor Vehicles:

16 James trucks

14 Bedford trucks

about 20 Ford V 8 trucks

several other motor vehicles of various types.

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The back of all motor vehicles belonging to the company were marked with a black triangle in a white, circular field.

8. Activities:

- a. Hauling of ration supplies for the division from the state-owned farm in BIOGRAD (Y 22/U 13) to the division depot in KNIN.
- b. Shipping of medical supplies from SPLIT (Y 23/U 93) to KNIN.
- c. Shipping of military equipment from KNIN to ZADAR (Y 22/U 90), BIRAC (Y 13/P 43), JINJ (Y 23/Q 16), DRAIS (Y 23/U 79) and BENKOVAC (Y 22/U 39).
- d. Picking up of spare parts for motor vehicles from the SARAJEVO (Y 25/R 58) army workshops.
- e. Hauling of weapons, ammunition and fuel from the KNIN railroad station to the division supply depot on the left bank of the Krka River on the southern perimeter of the town.

9. Training:

Four-week basic training with wooden rifles in a so-called "quarantine battalion", followed by an eight-week training period at a company and battalion level, with final maneuvers of large unit level in the Dinara Mts. near KNIN.

10. Mood:

Soldiers were little interested in political matters and indifferent towards the regime but did not express their opinions for fear of the "UDBA".

11. Units directly subordinated to the division headquarters:

- Signal company
- Reconnaissance company
- Engineer battalion
- Gas-defense company
- Supply company (bakers and butchers).

12. Other units in KNIN

- a. Three rifle battalions were located in the large Infantry Barracks in the northwestern town sector.

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equipment and armament of the battalions were not uniform. German machine guns of type 54 and 52 and machine guns of Czech origin were observed.

b. Antitank artillery units with 75-mm guns, partly motorized and partly mule-drawn, were quartered in the Artillery Barracks on the left bank of the Krka River.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The KLIN division is assumed to be the 19th INF Div which has often been identified in KLIN since 1947. Component units of this division were probably located in KLIN (one infantry regiment and antitank or artillery units, in BILAC, ZADAR, SINJ, DRNIS and BUKOVAC.

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